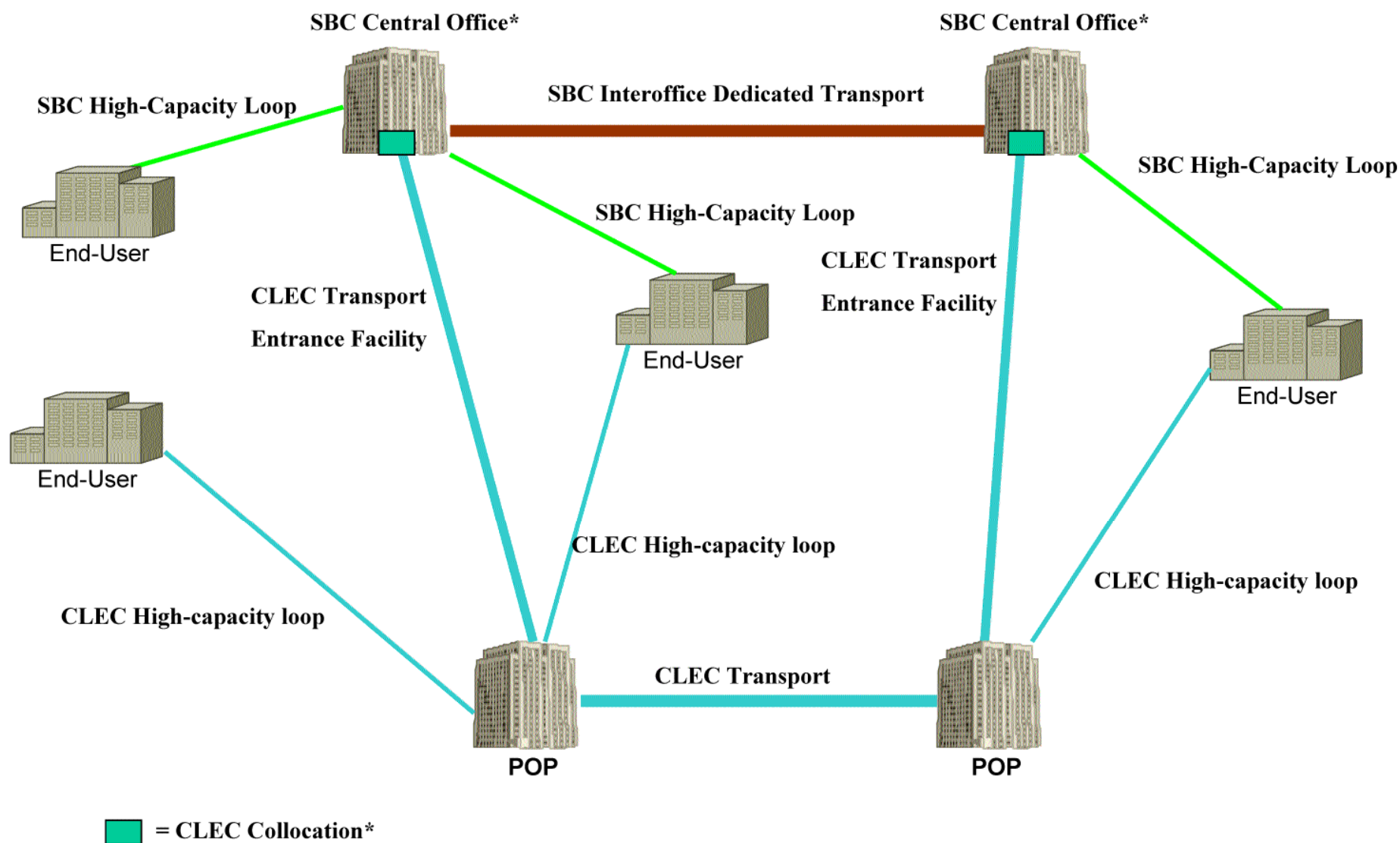


## What are Dedicated Transport and High-Capacity Loops?



### Q8. What is a local loop?

A8. Generally speaking, a local “loop” is the transmission path between the customer’s premises and one of the “central offices” in SBC’s network. **In the simplest case, a basic copper loop runs from the customer’s location to the Main Distribution Frame within the applicable central office**, where it can be connected to SBC’s switch or to the equipment that a competing carrier has installed in a “collocation arrangement” on SBC’s premises. The basic loop is sometimes called a “DS-0” loop or a voice-grade equivalent loop. (Direct Testimony of Scott J. Alexander On Behalf of SBC California Regarding High-Capacity Loops, page 4)”